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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

CENTRAL I.B. ~~Section~~

Date February 8, 1929

Subject (in full) Arthur R. Scott.

Made by D.I. Robertson

Forwarded by J. H. Evans A. H. Pol

Arthur R. Scott, who is a native of Sidney, Australia, entered the service of the Public Works Department on September 2, 1912 and his services were terminated on November 8, 1921. Early in 1922 he returned to Sidney with his daughter, his wife having died in Shanghai, and obtained employment in a printing establishment. It is also reported that while in Sidney he purchased land and married the matron of a certain hospital. His matrimonial venture, however, was not a success and he is reported to have lost heavily in an action his wife brought against him. In consequence of this he returned to Shanghai in 1923 and for a time existed on casual employment. About February 1924 he obtained a situation as overseer of the reinforced concrete construction of the North China Daily News building then in the course of construction, which he held until early in 1925. For some time afterwards Scott was unemployed until the Autumn of the same year when, owing to his being in financial straits he was given the job of Assistant Manager of the Hanbury Institute, 38 Broadway. This position he held until April or May 1927 when he resigned to take up his present employment as Custodian of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd building, I The Bund. His present salary is \$200.00 per mensem and quarters.

Scott undoubtedly entertains radical views and is remarkably well informed of the Labour Movement in Australia, but it is not known nor is it suspected that he is a medium for the distribution of Communist funds in Shanghai. In this connection it is significant that with the advent of the Nationalist Military forces to Shanghai in March 1927 he had

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his personal effects packed ready to leave the country and had he been in any way connected with Communist activities, which were then so prevalent, he would have shown greater interest in the situation at that time.

A. Robertson

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. L. O. D. 36
Date..... 9. 1. 42

February 8, 1939

SECRET **CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Shelley,

With reference to your letter of February 6, 1939
re: Mr. A. R. Scott, I have to inform you that he resigned
the position of Assistant Manager of The Hambury Institute,
38 Broadway, in April or May 1937 and since that time has
been employed as custodian of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd's
building, No. 1 The Strand. He is not known to be a medium
for the distribution of Communist funds nor is it known
that he is in any way connected with Soviet agents.

Yours sincerely,

W. C. C.

Capt. J. P. Shelley.

North China Command.

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(C.I.D.) Office Notes

February 5, 1929

A/ D.C.I.

As the attached letter of February 4, 1929 re:
Mr. A.A. Scott does not call for a detailed report, such as
I have compiled for record purposes, I suggest a letter on
the following lines be sent in reply to Lieut. Benton.

A. Robertson
D.I.

My dear Mr. Shelley *NR*

With reference to your letter of February 4, 1929
re: Mr. A.A. Scott, I have to inform you that he resigned the
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Yours sincerely,

Capt J. P. Shelley
~~Lieut. Benton~~

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Headquarters,
North China Command,
S H A N G H A I .

4th February, 1929.

Dear Aiers,

The following information has been received
from one of our Agents:-

Mr.A.R.Scott, Assistant Manager of The Hanbury
Institute and Sailors Home situated at 38, Broadway is a
medium for the distribution of Communist funds and
generally looks after Communist agents when first they
arrive in Shanghai.

I shall be glad of your opinion of the above.

Yours sincerely,

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W. H. D. D. D.

R.C.Aiers, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner of Police,
C.I.D., S.M.P., SHANGHAI.

*Foreign Section,
For inquiry and report please.
JMS 5/2/29.*